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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY
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IN THE MATTER OF THE REINSTATEMENT : of THE LICENSE OF: :

DENNIS HALL, M.D. License No. MA05282500

TO PRACTICE MEDICINE AND SURGERY IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Administrative Action

CONSENT ORDER FOR REINSTATEMENT OF LICENSE

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Medical Examiners (the "Board") upon the petition of Dennis Hall, M.D. ("Dr. Hall") for reinstatement of his medical license.

Dr. Hall is a participant in the Alternate Resolution Program ("ARP") administered by the Professional Assistance Program of New Jersey ("PAP") under the auspices of the Impairment Review Committee ("IRC") of the Board. On or about November 29, 2006, Dr. Hall self-reported to the PAP that he had relapsed into his abuse of alcohol. Dr. Hall had voluntarily ceased practicing medicine on or about November 27, 2006. Following his admitted relapse in



November 2006, Dr. Hall admitted himself for in-patient treatment at the Talbott Recovery Campus.

Consistent with its reporting requirements, PAP then reported Dr. Hall's admitted relapse to the Board and identified him by name. Pursuant to a Consent Order filed on February 28, 2007 ("Consent Order"), Dr. Hall voluntarily surrendered his license for a minimum of six (6) months, retroactive to November 27, 2006 when he stopped practicing medicine.

Pursuant to the terms of the Consent Order, Dr. Hall appeared before the IRC in May 2007 to discuss his application for reinstatement. The PAP supports the reinstatement of Dr. Hall's medical license subject to the monitoring conditions set forth herein.

It appearing that Dr. Hall has completed an in-patient treatment program; and considering the Position Statement of the PAP and Dr. Hall's testimony before the IRC; and finding that the within Order is adequately protective of the public health, safety, and welfare; and for other good cause shown;

IT IS, therefore, on this 19TH day of JULY, 2007, ORDERED AND AGREED THAT:

- Dr. Hall's license to practice medicine and surgery in the State of New Jersey shall be reinstated subject to the following monitoring conditions:
  - a. Dr. Hall shall maintain absolute abstinence from all psychoactive substances including alcohol unless prescribed by a treating physician for a

documented medical condition with notification from the treating physician to the Executive Medical Director of the PAP of the diagnosis and treatment plan.

- b. Dr. Hall shall continue to attend the support group Alcoholics Anonymous at a minimum of three meetings per week and shall provide evidence of attendance at such meetings directly to the PAP.
- c. Dr. Hall shall continue therapy with his treating psychiatrist, at a frequency to be determined by the psychiatrist, until such time as the psychiatrist, in consultation with the Executive Medical Director of the PAP, agrees that it is no longer required.
- d. Dr. Hall shall participate in weekly aftercare with Dr. Arnold Washton.
- Dr. Hall shall continue to submit to random, twicee. weekly urine monitoring under the auspices of the PAP during the first six (6) months of licensure reinstatement; he then shall submit to random, weekly screens for the subsequent twelve (12) months of reinstatement. The frequency of such random urine monitoring after the first eighteen (18) months of reinstatement shall be at the discretion of the Executive Medical Director of the PAP with notification to the IRC and Board of any changes in the frequency thereof. All test results shall be provided in the first instance directly to the PAP, and any positive results shall be reported immediately by the PAP to the IRC and Executive Director of the Board.
- f. Dr. Hall shall comply with monthly face-to-face follow-up with a clinical representative of the PAP for the first six (6) months of licensure with the frequency of follow-up after that to be at the discretion of the Executive Medical Director of the PAP with notice of any changes in frequency to the IRC and Board.
- g. The PAP shall submit quarterly status reports to the IRC and Board reporting on Dr. Hall's compliance with the monitoring plan and status in recovery with immediate (<u>i.e.</u>, within 24 hours of awareness) oral and written notification to the IRC

and Board of any evidence that Dr. Hall has failed to comply with this Order and/or relapsed into the abuse of and/or dependence on alcohol, including, but not limited to, information that Dr. Hall engaged in any violation of any law regarding controlled dangerous substances or alcohol; of any positive urine screen; and/or of any failure to appear for urine monitoring (absent a legitimate excuse acceptable to the PAP).

- h. Dr. Hall shall limit his practice of medicine to no more than forty (40) hours per week.
- 2. All reports and/or notification required herein to be sent to the IRC and Board shall be addressed to the New Jersey State Board of Medical Examiners, Post Office Box 183, Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0183.
- 3. Dr. Hall expressly waives any claim to privilege or confidentiality that he may have concerning any report, notification, and/or disclosure required herein to be made to the IRC and Board.
- 4. Dr. Hall shall be responsible for the payment of all costs associated with the monitoring plan set forth herein.

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Mario A. Criscito, M.D., President

I have read and understood the foregoing Order and agree to be bound by its terms. Consent is hereby given to the Board to enter this Order.

Dennis Hall, M.D.

6/26/07 Date

I hereby consent to the form and entry of this Order.

WolfBlock Brach Eichler Attorney-for Dennis Hall, M.D.

By:

Joseph M. Gorpell, Esq.

0/27/07 Date

Consented to on behalf of the Professional Assistance Program of New Jersey.

Louis E. Baxter Sr., M.D., FASAM Executive Medical Director Professional Assistance Program of New Jersey ("PAP") 6/28/27 Date